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May 3, 2002

LARRY L DUTSON
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Dear Mr. Dutson:

Thank you for the addendum to your Plan of Operations (Plan) we received on April 25, 2002. We have reviewed it and have begun the Environmental Assessment (EA) necessary before we can make a decision to approve the Plan. We anticipate completing the EA on June 1, 2002, at which time the mandatory 30 day public comment period will be complete.

Before we can complete the EA, we must address the following two concerns:

1. Overburden. Your mining plan indicates that a large amount of overburden will have to be removed from the rock outcrop. The site you have designated as the storage area is beside a drainage, and it appears to us that the stockpile will ultimately block the drainage.
2. Common Variety. As indicated to you in our March 28, 2002 letter, you will probably be required to establish an escrow for the value of the material removed until a mineral report can be completed. However, before making a final decision on the issue, we would like to afford you the opportunity to submit your rationale for believing the stone you are proposing to mine is an uncommon variety, and as such is locatable under the mining laws.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jerry Mansfield at 435-743-3125.

Sincerely,

Rex Rowley
Field Office Manager

cc: Tom Munson, UDOGM (E/027/066 (Addendum and map enclosed))
Mert Hamilton, PO Box 35, Delta, UT 84624

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The operation will take place on is the "Red Gulch Placer" claim; UMC368577. Almost five acres will ultimately be disturbed, with approximately 1.5 acres being opened up the first year, and somewhat less than one acre being added each year as the quarry is expanded. Topsoil (the first six inches of overburden) will be stockpiled in a separate location from the overburden stockpile, the both location are indicated on the map. The breakdown of acreage will be approximately as follows:

Road, Overburden and Topsoil Stockpiles:	0.8
Quarry:	4.0
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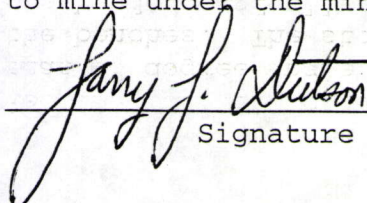
The equipment used to dislodge and load the slabs on trucks will be a Kamatsu rubber-tired articulating front-end loader, and a Kamatsu crawler with an 8 foot blade. Trucks will use the undeveloped campsite on Section 36 (see Map) to turn around and face down the canyon, drive back down to the quarry road, then back up it to the quarry for loading.

Reclamation will consist of knocking back any highwalls to a less than 45 degree angle (1h:1v), then spreading the overburden on the benches. The stockpiled topsoil will be spread over the overburden, and all compacted areas and the road from the County road to the quarry will be ripped. A seed mix recommended by the BLM or Utah Division of Oil Gas and Mining will be applied to the disturbed area, and raked in.

No effects requiring monitoring can be foreseen at this time. During winter shutdown all equipment will be removed from the site, and any highwalls will be stabilized.

Wilderness Issue

The area proposed for operations has already been impacted by exploration work conducted under a 43 CFR 3809 Notice. It is within 1000 feet of the county road that forms the boundary of Utah Wilderness Coalition's Orr Ridge Unit, making the boundary easy to adjust should reclamation at the site not be completed by the time the land use plan can legally be amended to create a Wilderness Study Area (WSA). Until such time as the area is designated a WSA, impacts that may impair the Unit's suitability for Wilderness designation have no bearing on a claimant's right to mine under the mining law.

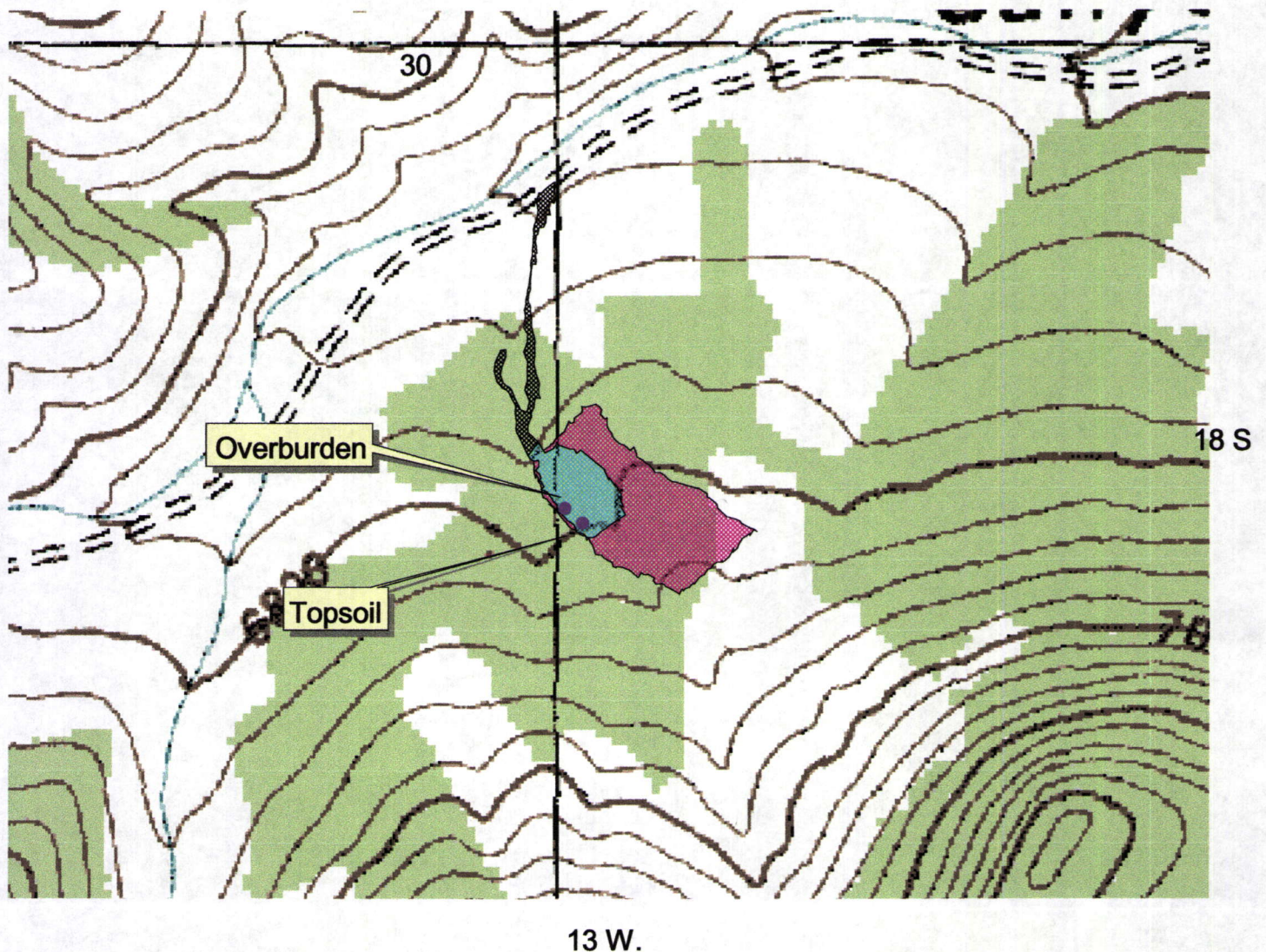


Signature of Operator

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Date

Dutson Stone Quarry



0.2 0 0.2 0.4 Miles

- Stockpiles
- Road
- First Year
- Entire Area

